

FIVE TEAMS BUNCHED FOR LEAD IN NATIONAL—"THE TEN THOUSAND-DOLLAR ARM"

FIVE NATIONAL LEAGUE TEAMS IN DESPERATE BATTLE FOR LEAD

But 41 Points Separate Chicago and Pittsburgh in Greatest Race Ever Seen in Older Circuit—Double Loss a Hard Blow to Phillies, and Gives Pirates Great Chance to Jump in Lead.

Pittsburgh's double victory over the Phillies, while the Dodgers were winning their fourth straight from the Cubs and the Cardinals taking two from the Braves, completely upset baseball odds, and today finds the first and fifth teams of the National League separated by 41 points.

Brooklyn Looks Great, But Phillies Have Chance Brooklyn's mad race to the top has stirred the fans throughout the country, and at the present time the Dodgers look like the best bet, as they are apparently strong in all departments.

Phillies Just Fail to Land a Smashing Blow; They Get One Two defeats at the hands of the Pirates were a great blow to the Phillies, but as the Cubs were again beaten by Brooklyn, little ground was lost.

Young Al Mamaux went back at Moran's team again, and while he pitched well enough to win, he was plainly suffering from the effects of overwork, and in the closing innings was hit much harder than the score would indicate.

The Bunting Game Would Be a Good One to Learn It might also be mentioned that while the hit-and-run game is good at all times, particularly with only first base occupied, there is a painful lack of bunting ability noticeable with several players.

Where Old Luck Gave the Phils the Go-by To say that the Pirates got a wonderful break of luck in the ninth inning of the first game is stating the case mildly.

Another Eddie Collins—He of the Pirates' Crew Fred Clarke has picked up a great youngster in Eddie Collins, who was with the Pirates in the spring, but was sent to Youngstown for further seasoning.

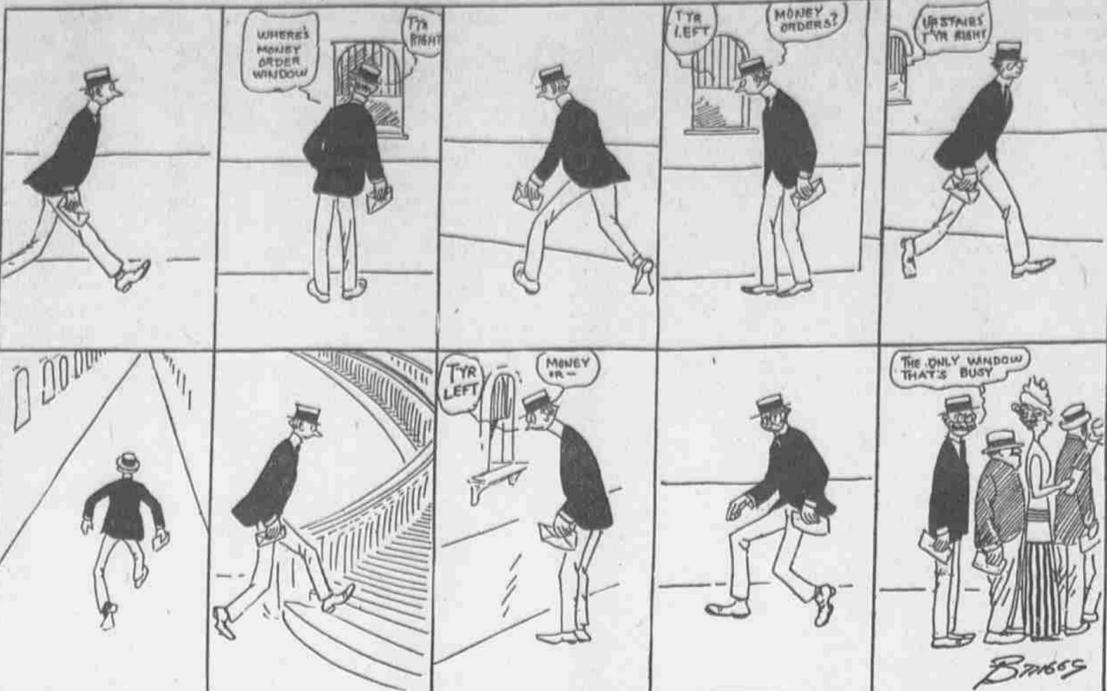
Mack Probably Discussed Trade of Oldring Manager Mack and Owner Hodges, of the Browns, held a long consultation in St. Louis prior to the departure of the Mackmen for Chicago.

Record Slugging Game in Northwest League A remarkable game was played in the Northwestern League between Victoria and Tacoma. Tacoma won by the score of 21 to 18, and 50 hits were made by the two teams.

New York Scribe Has Two-week Siesta Some people in New York who are always laughing at "Slowtown," meaning Philadelphia, take an occasional nap themselves.

Great Opportunity for Miller's Roamer If Andrew Miller's 4-year-old Roamer takes up the heavytop impost of 130 pounds and carries it to victory in the Suburban Handicap, which will be held in the annual meeting of the Empire City Racing Association.

MOVIE OF A MAN TRYING TO OBTAIN A P. O. MONEY ORDER



WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

Table with columns for National League and American League, listing teams like Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Brooklyn, New York, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Boston, Washington, and Baltimore with their respective records.

LEVINSKY AND ROSEN REOPEN DOUGLAS CLUB

Stratford, Conn., Sheriff Will Tackle Elongated West Philadelphia Tonight.

Philadelphia fans will have their first opportunity of seeing Battling Levinsky in ring action since his election as Sheriff at Stratford, Conn., tonight, when he meets Joe Rosen in the feature fray of the reopening of the Douglas A. C.

Pat Bradley is anxious to match his protegee, Frankie White, with Bobby Reynolds. Abe Attell has signed a one-year contract as chief adviser for Young Brown, of New York.

Joe O'Donnell is dividing his time between the ring and the dance floor. The Gloucester knockout artist is manager of a "spiel parlor" over in Jersey.

Bill Hess, Philadelphia heavyweight, was knocked out in the third round of a four-round bout at Frisco recently. Bill Hess! Bill Hess! The name is unfamiliar; a ham fighter probably, who never saw Philadelphia.

THE TEN THOUSAND-DOLLAR ARM

How Bruno Took Care of His \$10,000 Wing—What Charlie Grubb Thought of It and Why Dave Buller Was a Stone Wall—667 Per Cent. Is Enough.

By CHARLES E. VAN LOAN The World's Most Famous Writer of Baseball Fiction.

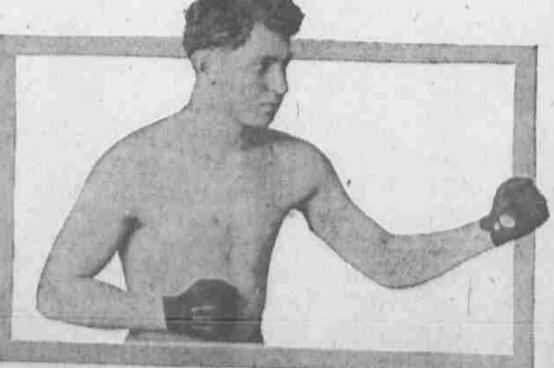
Bruno Smelzer, first of the \$10,000 beauty pitchers, and a real one at that, has retired to the minors and is pitching out per cent. hot for the Blue Jays.

"Bruno fesses over that old wing of his like a mother with a sick baby," "Piggy" Powell used to say. "Piggy" was the veteran shortstop of the Blue Jays.

In the spring, Smelzer would make up an immense supply of "dope" for his arm. Every pitcher has his favorite liniment, but Bruno's preparation remained a sticky, smelly mystery to the compounders of which he gave a great deal of time and thought, varying the ingredients to meet changing conditions.



try his "dope" was the highest compliment Bruno knew how to pay—found that it burned like fire and smelled like a Chinese laundry. Smelzer made the stuff on the clubhouse stove, holding a great dishpan full of the mess, and pouring it into jars to cool and harden into a thin jelly.



BATTILING LEVINSKY Stratford (Conn.) sheriff, who is matched with Champion Jess Willard, at Brighton Beach, Labor Day. Levinsky meets lengthy Joe Rosen at the Douglas Club here tonight.

RUNS SCORED BY MAJORS THIS WEEK

Table showing runs scored by major league clubs for the week of July 6-12, 1915. Clubs include Philadelphia, New York, Brooklyn, Boston, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Chicago, and Baltimore.

for some time. By long practice, Smelzer had learned how to get at every muscle which had anything to do with the working of his most valuable member.

The Blue Jays of seven years ago will never forget what happened when "Major Bones," newly appointed as official rubber, joined the club. Major Bones was a young negro who had worked in a Turkish bathhouse long enough to get the idea that what he did not know about massage treatment was not worth bothering to learn.

Smelzer grunted in surprise, and went on kneading and pinching his biceps. Major Bones preened his suit warmly. He arrived at the direct statement that no mere "rub" would rub his own arm and do the job properly. Bruno, who was a peaceful soul, and loved quiet so well that he would do battle for it, picked up a chair and knocked major Bones head over heels through a locker door.

Then he calmly resumed the rubbing where he had left off. After massage, Smelzer would get into a heavy woolen undershirt, his uniform shirt, and last of all, a great white sweater. Bruno had three sweaters for different sorts of weather. The first one behind the back of a board, and the others were thicker.

Dressed for public appearance, the old man would cajole some youthful catcher into accompanying him out behind the bleachers, where not a breath of air was stirring. Here he would shed his sweater and pitch for half an hour. If the arm "felt all right," he would work for 45 minutes, after which he would put on his sweater again and watch the game from the sunny end of the bench.

On the second day the entire process would be repeated; and on the third, if all went well, he would come out from behind the bleachers with a broad grin on his face. "She's there today, boys!" he would say. By which he meant that the ten-thousand-dollar arm was ready to earn his salary.

What, of course, Grubb had no alternative. Smelzer would pitch and Sullivan would catch. A strong friendship existed between Smelzer and Sullivan. Both were veterans, and Sullivan had taken infinite pains to learn Smelzer's peculiarities. With "Stub" Sullivan behind the bat, Bruno's little strategic reached their highest power, and away they would go, with Bruno doing the signaling and Steve "hanging out" a set of false signals for the coaches to see and tip to the batters.

Between them they would bedevil the opposing players with a thousand and one annoying little tricks, Sullivan keeping up a running fire of caustic comment and Smelzer "sneaking" his strike ball over when the batter was least expecting it.

By years of practice, Bruno had acquired alarming proficiency in one trick which no pitcher was likely to steal from him. It was especially designed for catching a batter off his guard. When in front of him, Sullivan would know what was coming. The old man would stand in the box, his eyes cast down, and his head bent slightly forward. Suddenly, and without raising his head to look at the batter, he would take his step and deliver his "fast" ball, and nine times out of ten he would split the heart of the plate before the amazed hitter could recover from his surprise.

(CONTINUED TOMORROW.)

ROAMER, TOP WEIGHT, IN SUBURBAN EVENT AT EMPIRE MEETING

Big Offering Staged Tomorrow at Belmont Park and Will Bring Together Fastest Horses on American Turf.

No racing test of the American turf has ever been able to supplant the Suburban Handicap in point of importance. The next big offering of the season will be the next big offering of the season. It will usher in the meeting of the Empire City Racing Association at Belmont Park tomorrow.

The Suburban comes at a time when a fairly good line is generally possible on the handicap division, and it always has been a prize that the trainers have coveted. It is a battle of the champions, and champions that have usually battled before in the Brooklyn and the Brooklyn Handicaps, as well as other races of lesser importance.

There was no running of the Suburban last year, and the Empire City Association is to be congratulated in reviving an event that means so much to the sport. With fair weather and a good track it is assured that the field will be worthy of the best traditions of the old handicaps, and the name of the winner will properly belong in the illustrious list of the victors that have gone before.

Naturally in every handicap the top weights are the horses that attract the most attention. They are the ones that have by their deeds incurred the weight assigned by Handicapper Vosburgh, and it might be said in passing that Mr. Vosburgh never was in better form than he has been this season. His handicaps have brought about stirring contests with but few exceptions, and both light and heavy weights have had a share of the spoils.

Never before in the history of the Suburban Handicap has a four-year-old carried 150 pounds to victory, but that will be the impost carried by Andrew Miller's Roamer if he is sent to the post, which seems to be well nigh a certainty. Roamer was handicapped by Mr. Vosburgh at 125 pounds, but his hollow victory in the Brookdale Handicap Saturday will make him pick up a five-pound penalty.

Whisk Broome II, who was winner of last running, in 1912, under the silks of Harry Payne Whitney, carried the greatest weight to victory when he shouldered 150 pounds, and then to make the victory doubly memorable he ran the mile and a quarter in 2:05, establishing a record that may stand for many a year. Harry of Navarre, when a 3-year-old in 1908, was winner under 125 pounds, and the other to win under big weight have been Salvatore, Herma and Ballot, each of whom carried 127 pounds. Of this the Salvatore and Ballot each were 4-year-olds at the time of victory.

MALTA BOAT CLUB EVENTS POSTPONED UNTIL SATURDAY

Vivian Nickalls' Crew to Race in Quarter-mile Singles.

The quarter-mile singles shell race, which Vivian Nickalls, Edward Hedden, James Marsh and Edward Hartman were to have rowed tomorrow has been postponed until Saturday afternoon. The event in the feature number on the program for the annual field day exercises of the Malta Boat Club, which will be held at the Willows, Fairmount Park, in addition to this event there will be a large number of track and field contests, in which more than 75 men have already entered.

Following the exercises supper will be served to members and their friends. There will be dancing also.

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